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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING MULTIPLE DEPENDENCIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the claims of this application in the below indicated manner.<sup>1</sup>

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1. A laminar structure comprising a deposited metal, the structure having microholes extending between a first surface and a second surface thereof, each microhole having a wall which meets the first surface with a rounded edge or tapered configuration in such a manner that the first surface is substantially smooth.

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2. A structure according to Claim 1, wherein the microholes have a diameter of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. A structure according to Claim 1, wherein the microholes have a diameter of less than 3-4  $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. A structure according to Claim 1, wherein the microholes have a polygonal or rhomboid form.
5. A medical device comprising, at least in part, a structure according to Claim 1, the structure having microholes formed therein which are at least sufficiently large to permit the passage of plasma, for example, therethrough.

<sup>1</sup>. The change(s) to the specification and/or claims are shown by underscoring and bracketing in the marked-up version attached hereto as an Appendix.

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